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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2007, in connection with the above-referenced application. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to July 11, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 10.